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Applicant(s) : Gero Nenninger et al. Confirmation No.: 3790
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For : VEHICLE DYNAMICS CONTROL SYSTEM ADAPTED TO
THE LOAD CONDITION OF A VEHICLE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Restriction Action mailed on March 28, 2008 (the one-month response date for which is April 28, 2008), the Examiner required restriction/election as follows:

As to pending claims 14 to 26, the Office required restriction/election as follows:

An election between **claims 14 to 21 and claims 22 to 26**. The Office further required a species election as follows: (1) **Species A1** - directed to an embodiment according to which information on the center of gravity of the vehicle is derived from an estimated characteristic speed; and (2) **Species A2** directed to an embodiment according to which information on the center of gravity of the vehicle is ascertained from a ratio of contact patch forces of opposite wheels during cornering. The Office further required an additional election between one of the species as a function of which a characteristic property of the rollover stabilization algorithm is determined.

Accordingly, claims 14 to 21 and Species A1 are elected with traverse, and within Species A1, claim 14 and claims 16 to 21 - which determine a characteristic as a function of vehicle mass - are elected.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the features of an allowable generic claim as to an elected species.

While no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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